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**REQUEST
FOR
EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Application Number	09/500,288
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First Named Inventor	Nagahama
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Louie
Attorney Docket Number	925-179

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE 37 C F R § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C F R § 1.53(d) (PTO-SB-29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed Reg 50092 (Aug 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed Reg 14865 (mar 20, 2000), 1233 Off Gaz Pat Office 47 (Apr 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other IDS filed March 28, 2002
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under _____)
 - b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment to my Deposit Account No. 14-1140
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - b. Check in the amount of \$1660.00
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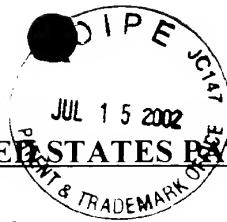
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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim for corresponding claim previously presented. A copy of the amended claim showing current revisions is attached.